California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative Blue Ribbon Task Force Draft Meeting Agenda

(revised May 3, 2010)

Monday, May 3, 2010 at 8:30 AM Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at 8:30 AM

> Elk Valley Rancheria 2332 Howland Hill Road Crescent City, CA 95531

Public Participation: Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting in person or may view and listen to the meeting via simultaneous webcasting on the Internet (field trips are not included in the webcasting). Video and audio archives of the meeting may be accessed via the Internet approximately two days after the meeting. Please visit the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) website at http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/meetings-n.asp for more information. In addition, the following locations will be open to the public to view and participate in the meeting remotely:

C.V. Starr Community Center* 300 South Lincoln Street Fort Bragg, CA 95437 Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center*
921 Waterfront Drive, Room 211
Eureka, CA 95501

Public Comment: The public will be invited to offer general comments on subjects related to the work of the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF), *not specific to an agenda item, at approximately 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 3*. Speaker cards are requested and may be found at the entrance to the room. Time allotted for public comment is determined by the number of requests; submitting written comments that can be easily summarized in one to two minutes is encouraged.

Meeting Materials: Briefing documents will not be provided at the meeting but will be posted to the MLPA website as soon as they are available. This agenda may be found on the MLPA website at http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/meetings_n.asp.

Meeting Objectives

- Receive input on the revised regional profile for the north coast study region
- Discuss and potentially approve additional policy direction for the north coast
- Discuss the decision-making context related to tribal extractive uses of marine resources
- Receive evaluations of the external proposed MPA arrays submitted by community groups
- Receive updates on the MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team (SAT), MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (NCRSG), and MLPA Statewide Interests Group (SIG)
- Receive updates on public outreach and education, the 2008-2011 budget and upcoming meetings
- Receive an update on MLPA implementation in other study regions

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Meeting Agenda - Monday, May 3, 2010

Note: The task force will break for lunch at approximately 12:00 PM. **Public comment will be taken at approximately 4:30 p.m.**

Welcome, Review of Agenda, and Brief Introductions

Cindy Gustafson, Chair, MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force Ken Wiseman, Executive Director, MLPA Initiative

I. Updates

A. Master Plan Science Advisory Team

Steve Wertz, Senior Biologist Supervisor, California Department of Fish and Game

B. North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group

Melissa Miller-Henson, Program Manager, MLPA Initiative

BRIEFING DOCUMENT B.1: PowerPoint Presentation: Update for the MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group

C. Statewide Interests Group

Ken Wiseman

D. Public Outreach and Education

Kelly Sayce, Public Outreach and Education Coordinator, MLPA Initiative

BRIEFING DOCUMENT D.1: Strategy for Public Participation in the MLPA North Coast Study Region (adopted March

1, 2010)

II. Regional Profile for the North Coast Study Region

E. Overview of Changes to the Regional Profile

Dominique Monie, Marine Planner, MLPA Initiative

BRIEFING DOCUMENT E.1: Regional Profile for the North Coast Study Region (California-Oregon Border to Alder

Creek (April 19, 2010)

F. Public Input on the February 2010 Regional Profile

Dominique Monie

BRIEFING DOCUMENT F.1: Public Comments Regarding the February 19, 2010 Regional Profile of the North Coat

Study Region (California-Oregon Border to Alder Creek)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT F.2: PowerPoint Presentation: Public Input the February 19, 2010 Regional Profile of the North

Coat Study Region (California-Oregon Border to Alder Creek)

III. Evaluations of External Proposed MPA Arrays

G. Overview of External Proposed MPA Arrays Submitted by Community Groups

Evan Fox, Principal Planner, MLPA Initiative

BRIEFING DOCUMENT G.1: Overview Maps and Staff Summaries for External MPA Arrays A-H and MPA Proposal 0

(Existing MPAs)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT G.2: PowerPoint Presentation: Overview of Existing MPAs and Round 1 External Proposed

MPA Arrays from Community Groups – Handout Placeholder

H. Overview of Evaluation Methods

Evan Fox and

Dr. Mark Carr, Co-chair, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team

BRIEFING DOCUMENT H.1: PowerPoint Presentation: Overview of Science Guidance from the Marine Life Protection

Act, Master Plan for MPAs, and MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team - Handout

Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT H.2: Summary of Marine Life Protection Act Guidance, Guidelines and Evaluation Approaches

(Revised March 23, 2010)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT H.3: Draft Methods Used to Evaluate Marine Protected Area Proposals in the MLPA North

Coast Study Region (March 16, 2010 Draft)

I. Presentation SAT Round 1 Evaluation Results - Potential Impacts to Commercial and Recreational Fisheries

Dr. Astrid Scholz, member, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team

BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.1: Survey Methods and Summary Statistics for Ecotrust's North Coast Study Region

Fisheries Uses and Value Project (Draft 16 March 2010)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.2: PowerPoint Presentation: Overview of North Coast Fisheries Uses and Values Project,

and Round 1 Evaluation of Potential Impacts to Commercial and Recreational Fisheries -

Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.3: Summary of Potential Impacts of the February 2010 External Proposed MPA Arrays on

Commercial and Recreational Fisheries in the North Coast Study Region (March 17,

2010)

J. Presentation of SAT Round 1 Evaluation Results – Habitat Representation and Replication

Dr. Mark Carr

BRIEFING DOCUMENT J.1: PowerPoint Presentation: Habitat Evaluations of the Round 1 External Proposed MPA

Arrays for the North Coast Study Region – Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT J.2: Update to the Evaluation of North Coast Round 1 External Proposed MPA Arrays for

Habitat Representation, Habitat Replication, MPA Size and MPA Spacing Analyses

(revised April 30, 2010)

K. Presentation of SAT Round 1 Evaluation Results – MPA Size and MPA Spacing

Dr. Mark Carr

BRIEFING DOCUMENT K.1: PowerPoint Presentation: Size and Spacing Evaluations of the Round 1 External

Proposed MPA Arrays for the MLPA North Coast Study Region - Handout Placeholder

L. Presentation of SAT Round 1 Evaluation Results - Bioeconomic Modeling

Dr. Eric Bjorkstedt, Co-chair, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team

BRIEFING DOCUMENT L.1: PowerPoint Presentation: Spatial Bioeconomic Model Evaluations of Round 1 External

Proposed MPA Arrays for the MLPA North Coast Study Region - Handout Placeholder

M. Presentation of SAT Round 1 Evaluation Results - Birds and Mammals

Dr. Craig Strong, Member, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team

BRIEFING DOCUMENT M.1: PowerPoint Presentation: Marine Birds and Marine Mammals Evaluations for Round 1

External Proposed MPA Arrays for the MLPA North Coast Study Region

BRIEFING DOCUMENT M.2: Marine Birds Evaluation Results for Round 1 External MPA Arrays: Supplemental

Information (March 17, 2010)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT M.3: Marine Mammals Evaluation Results for Round 1 External MPA Arrays: Supplemental

Information (March 17, 2010)

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Welcome and Review of Day 2 Agenda

Cindy Gustafson, Chair, MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force

III. Evaluations of External Proposed MPA Arrays (continued)

N. Presentation of SAT Round 1 Evaluation Results - Water Quality

Dominique Monie

BRIEFING DOCUMENT N.1: PowerPoint Presentation: Water Quality Guidance and Evaluation Methods, and Round 1

Evaluation Results

BRIEFING DOCUMENT N.2: Draft Recommendations for Considering Water Quality and Marine Protected Areas in the

MLPA North Coast Study Region (March 16, 2010 Draft)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT N.3: Water Quality Concerns and Opportunities: Draft Maps for the North Coast Study Region

(March 18, 2010)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT N.4: SAT Water Quality Evaluations: External Array Score Summary Handouts (March 22,

2010)

O. Presentation of California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) Guidance, Evaluation Methods, Evaluation of Existing North Coast Study Region MPAs, and Round 1 Evaluation Results

Susan Ashcraft, Senior Supervising Biologist, Marine Protected Areas Project, California Department of Fish and Game

BRIEFING DOCUMENT O.1: California Department of Fish and Game Feasibility Criteria and Evaluation Components

for Marine Protected Area Proposals (Revised March 23, 2010)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT O.2: California Department of Fish and Game Feasibility Evaluation of Existing MPAs in the

North Coast Study Region (Revised 16 March 2010)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT 0.3: PowerPoint Presentation: DFG Guidance and Evaluation Methods, Evaluation of Existing

NCSR MPAs, and Results of Round 1 Evaluation – Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT O.4: California Department of Fish and Game Feasibility Evaluation of Round 1 Arrays for the

North Coast Study Region (23 March 2010)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT 0.5: California Department of Fish and Game Enforcement Division Memo on Retrieval of

Commercial Fishing Gear from Closed Areas to Fishing (March 23, 2010)

P. Presentation of California Department of Parks and Recreation (California State Parks) Guidance, Evaluation Methods and Round 1 Evaluation Results

Kevin Fleming, Senior Environmental Scientist, California Department of Parks and Recreation

BRIEFING DOCUMENT P.1: California State Parks Guidelines for Developing Marine Managed Areas (March 23,

2010)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT P.2: PowerPoint Presentation: State Parks Guidance and Evaluation Methods and Results of

Round 1 Evaluation - Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT P.3: California State Parks Evaluation of North Coast Round 1 External Proposed MPA Arrays

(March 23, 2010)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT P.4: Summary of California State Parks Coastal Units in the North Coast Study Region (April

14, 2010)

Q. Description of Goal 3 and its Consideration in the MLPA Initiative

Evan Fox

BRIEFING DOCUMENT Q.1: PowerPoint Presentation: Goal 3 Consideration in the MLPA Initiative – Handout

Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT Q.2: Draft Guidelines to Assist Stakeholders in Addressing Goal 3 of the Marine Life Protection

Act in the MLPA North Coast Study Region (April 13, 2010 Draft)

R. MLPA Goals and Proposed North Coast Regional Objectives

Susan Ashcraft

BRIEFING DOCUMENT R.1: MLPA Goals and Regional Objectives Adopted in the MLPA North Central Coast Study

Region and MLPA South Coast Study Region

BRIEFING DOCUMENT R.2: PowerPoint Presentation: MLPA Goals and Regional Objectives for the MLPA North

Coast Study Region – Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT R.3: Draft Goals, Regional Objectives, Stakeholder Priorities, and Design and Implementation

Considerations for the MLPA North Coast Study Region (March 24, 2010 Draft)

IV. Policy Direction for the MLPA North Coast Study Region

S. Potential Guidance to the NCRSG Regarding Draft MPA Proposals

T. Discuss the Decision-making Context for Tribal Uses of Marine Resources
Ken Wiseman

Becky Ota, Marine Region Habitat Conservation Program Manager, California Department of Fish and Game

Kevin Fleming

BRIEFING DOCUMENT T.1: MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force Policy Guidance on Tribal Uses: How to Incorporate into

the Development of MPA Proposals (April 30, 2010)

V. Task Force Operations

U. MLPA Initiative Budget and Calendar

Ken Wiseman

BRIEFING DOCUMENT U.1: MLPA Initiative 2008-2011 budget update (May 3, 2010)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT U.2: Calendar of Upcoming Dates for the MLPA North Coast Study Region (revised April 26,

2010)

VI. Implementation in Other MLPA Study Regions

V. Update on Efforts to Implement the MLPA in the Central Coast, North Central Coast, and South Coast Study Regions

Becky Ota

Adjourn

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- 12:15 PM Meet in Elk Valley Rancheria parking lot (2332 Howland Hill Road, Crescent City) to arrange carpools
- 12:45 PM Stop #1: Smith River Rancheria, Howonquet Hall Community Center (501 North Indian Road, Smith River, across the street from the Lucky 7 Casino); the task force will have lunch here and the Smith River Rancheria has generously offered to provide lunch for members of the public
- 2:30 PM Stop #2: Pelican State Beach parking lot (U.S. Highway 101 at Gilbert Way), Smith River
- 3:50 PM Stop #3: Point St. George, south end of Tolowa Dunes State Park (parking lot of the former U.S. Coast Guard Station at the end of Radio Road, Crescent City)